

Independent claims 11 and 26 are likewise clarified.

As a reminder, Applicant previously requested that a form PTO-948 be forwarded, since Applicant's records indicate that none was received. Please forward same for review. Upon receipt thereof, Applicant intends to fully address any objections to the drawings.

All other amendments are made to improve the internal consistency and grammatical correctness of the claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of all pending claims and submits that claims 1 - 28 are in condition for immediate allowance. In the event the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of any of these claims that could be clarified in a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully urged to initiate the same with the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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